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3 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. Herewith are two views on General Cabell's letter of 27 February 1950 about foreign attaches in the U.S.:

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2. Re No. 1: I think this answers his question and puts him on the right track. [ ] and [ ] agree. Last month General Cabell referred the JTF-3 matter to the JIC, when it should have come to us; and this time he refers this matter to us when I think it should have gone to the JIC!!

I think the next to the last paragraph could be omitted. It is in there as a sop, to try to tie in his letter to our interests.

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3. Re No. 2: [ ] and [ ] do not agree with my draft, so submit this #2 draft with which I do not agree. I think they are trying to carry the ball into the next gridiron instead of down the field to General Cabell's immediate goal.

b. Recommendation: Since General Cabell's letter went to all members of the IAC, I think a reply should be sent to him now -- maybe just an acknowledgement instead of one of these drafts -- and then we should try to straighten out orally just where his interests in this matter join ours (if at all).

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